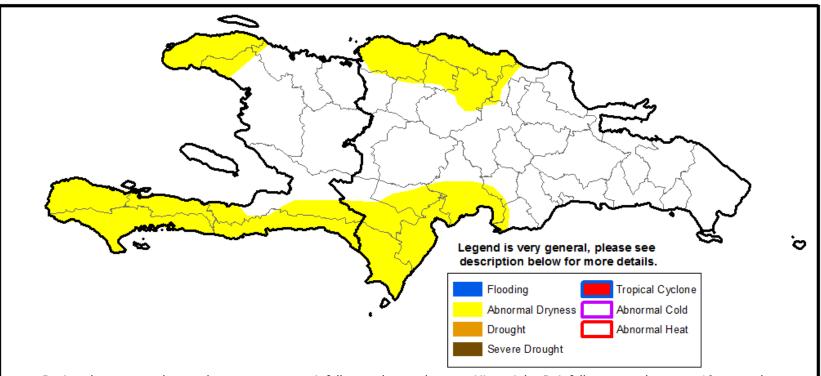


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook November 19 – November 25, 2015

The last week was characterized by light rainfall across most of the island.



During the past week, mostly near-average rainfall was observed across Hispaniola. Rainfall amounts between 10mm and 50mm were prevalent throughout the island. The Punta Cana, Dominican Republic region largely missed out on precipitation. Analysis of thirty-day rainfall anomalies indicates the presence of growing moisture surpluses in some parts of eastern Dominican Republic, now on the order of 200mm. These areas include Santo Domingo, Monte Plata, and Sánchez Ramírez provinces. Many other regions, especially in northern and southern portions of Haiti and western Dominican Republic, exhibit deficits well in excess of 50mm. Similar deficits can be traced back over longer time periods for these same areas. Uneven distribution of rainfall in both space and time over Hispaniola has resulted in negative impacts on soil moisture and, consequently, vegetation health across the island. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor and degraded conditions over many local areas along the northern and southern coasts of Hispaniola. Similar conditions exist in Ouest Department of Haiti and neighboring Indepedencia Province in the Dominican Republic as well. Neutral conditions are observed across central portions of the island. During the upcoming outlook period, below-average and poorly distributed rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola. Especially low rainfall totals are likely in central portions of the island. Concern over the forecasted persistence of below-normal conditions is lessened because the rainfall season is nearing end and Harvest activities will be starting.